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SUBJECT: INDIA-PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH NEGOTIATIONS

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1. BRITISH HAVE INFORMATION THAT INDIANS YESTERDAY, AUGUST 23, GAVE PAKISTANIS MEMO INITIALED ALSO BY BANGLADESH PROPOSING DEAL ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:
(A) ALL POWS EXCEPT 195 AND ALL BENGALLEES IN PAKISTAN TO BE REPATRIATED, 195 TO REMAIN IN INDIA;
(B) NEGOTIATIONS TO CONTINUE ON DISPOSITION OF 195 POWS;
(C) PAKISTAN TO TAKE "BULK" OF BIHARIS (BUT NUMBER TO BE TAKEN PUT AT ABOUT 100,000);
(D) RECOGNITION AND UN MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS TO BE PUT ASIDE FOR FUTURE DISPOSITION, WITH BHUTTO AND MUJIB MEETING SOMEWHERE "AS EQUALS" TO DISCUSS THOSE AND OTHER OUTSTANDING BILATERAL QUESTIONS.

2. INDIANS HAVE TOLD BRITISH THEY ARE OPTIMISTIC ON CHANCES OF PACKAGE. BRITISH TEND TO DOUBT PAKISTANIS
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WILL BUY IT. THEY THINK AZIZ AHMED WILL RETURN TO

ISLAMABAD WITH IT AND PAKS WILL TRY TO WORK ON "SMALL
PRINT" AFFECTING WAR CRIMES TRIALS.

3. FCO OFFICIALS EXPRESS ADMIRATION FOR THE WAY IN
WHICH PAKISTANIS HAVE STEADILY BUILT UP THEIR OWN
BARGAINING POSITION.

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